

April 1, 2025

**Interstate Renewable Energy Council**

125 Wolf Road  
Suite 100  
Albany, NY 12205

Dear Ed Gilliland,

On behalf of Contra Costa County, I am proud to announce our interest in becoming a Charging Smart designated community. In partnership with the Charging Smart team, Contra Costa County's dedicated staff members will work to accelerate local adoption of EVs and EV charging. Contra Costa County will work with the Charging Smart program to develop best practices to serve their community EV charging needs.

Charging Smart builds upon our community's participation in EV charging grants from the Federal Department of Transportation and the California Energy Commission, which will result in more than 250 EV chargers at 30 different County sites.

Contra Costa County will leverage Charging Smart to achieve the following goals:

- **Achieve a zero-emission County fleet by 2035 and a community that is at least 50% zero-emission by 2030**
- **Invest in EVs whenever new County vehicle purchases are required**
- **Increase installation of electric vehicle charging stations for all vehicle types, including bicycles and scooters, at public facilities, emphasizing increased installation in Impacted Communities.**

These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our community's EV readiness, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas identified as community priorities in our Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, General Plan, and EV Readiness Blueprint.

In order to measure progress along the way, Contra Costa County will track key metrics related to EV and infrastructure deployment.

Inquiries related to Contra Costa County's Charging Smart participation can be directed to Brendan Havenar-Daughton at [brendan.havenar-daughton@pw.cccounty.us](mailto:brendan.havenar-daughton@pw.cccounty.us) or 925-313-2389.

Sincerely,

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